

**GAO Survey of NPL-Eligible Sites: States, Territories, and Tribes****Introduction**

The U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO) is an agency that examines issues for the U.S. Congress. We are conducting a review of contaminated sites that are considered "NPL-eligible." That is, after a site inspection by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), these sites are found to be eligible for placement on the National Priorities List (NPL), also known as Superfund. As part of our review we are sending surveys to all states, territories, and Indian tribes to request information on the individual sites located in their jurisdictions. We are assessing the likelihood that sites will be placed on the NPL and the activities that are occurring to mitigate contamination at these sites.

This questionnaire asks about 1 of 3,000 NPL-eligible sites nationwide (as of October 8, 1997). Please make a reasonable effort to answer the questions. Because we are also sending a similar survey to U.S. EPA, we are especially interested in the information that they may not have on this site. If you cannot provide an answer to a question, check the box that indicates information is not available. It is not necessary to consult with U.S. EPA since they are also providing site information to us. Please have the most appropriate staff fill out each survey.

Your response within 21 days of receiving this survey will help us avoid costly follow-ups. If the self-addressed business-reply envelope is missing, please return the questionnaire to the following address:

U.S. General Accounting Office  
Attn: Rosemary Torres Lerma  
200 West Adams, Suite 700  
Chicago, IL 60606

If you have any questions, please call Rosemary Torres Lerma at (312) 220-7644.

Thank you for your assistance.

**Site name and location:**

WISE ROAD DISPOSAL  
WISE ROAD  
GREEN OH 44232

CERCLIS #: OH0001328350 GAO #: 2183-A

1. Please fill out the following in case we need to contact the person completing this survey.

Name: Susan Netzly-Watkins

State/Terr.: OH (2-letters) or Tribe: n/a

Agency/Dept. Ohio EPA / DERR

Phone: (330) 963-1201

**Please note: Because we don't know whose information is most current, we are also asking U.S. EPA's regional office for answers to Questions 2-6, 10-12, 14, and 19. So, if you do not have the information for those questions, there is no need to contact U.S. EPA for the answers.**

**Effects of site's contamination**

2. How does contamination at this site affect groundwater? *(Check one.)*

1. ☐ Actual contamination
2. ☒ Potential contamination
3. ☐ No potential or actual contamination identified
4. ☐ Need more information to answer
5. ☐ Other *(Please explain.)*



3. How does contamination at this site affect **drinking water** (surface water or groundwater sources)? (*Check one.*)

1. ☐ Actual contamination
2. ☒ Potential contamination
3. ☐ No potential or actual contamination identified
4. ☐ Need more information to answer
5. ☐ Other (*Please explain.*)

#### Site conditions

4. Are there any residents or regular employees within 0.5 miles of the site? (*Check one.*)

1. ☐ Residents only
2. ☐ Employees only
3. ☒ Both residents and employees
4. ☐ Neither residents nor employees
5. ☐ Need more information to answer
6. ☐ Other (*Please explain.*)

5. Do your state's/territory's/tribe's records and/or your knowledge of the site indicate that this site's contamination contributes to any of the following? (*Check one for each row.*)

( <i>Check one for each row.</i> )	Yes (1)	No (2)	Uncertain (3)	Other ( <i>Please explain.</i> ) (4)
<b>Drinking water</b>				
a. Residents are advised not to use their wells.		✓		
b. Residents are advised to use filtered water.		✓		
c. Residents are advised to use bottled water.		✓		
d. Water supply is temporarily changed.		✓		
e. Water supply is permanently changed.		✓		

<i>(Check one for each row.)</i>	Yes (1)	No (2)	Uncertain (3)	Other <i>(Please explain.)</i> (4)
<b>Other uses of water</b>				
f. Livestock drink contaminated water.		✓		
g. Crops are irrigated with contaminated water.		✓		
h. Fish could be unsafe to eat.		✓		
i. Fish, plants, or animals are sick/dying.		✓		
j. Recreation is stopped or restricted (e.g., fishing, swimming).		✓		
k. Residents, workers, etc., use water that fails to meet water quality standards (e.g., for bathing, watering vegetable gardens, or landscaping).		✓		
<b>Soil/air</b>				
l. Residents/others should avoid exposure to contaminated dust or other particulates on some days.		✓		
m. Residents are advised not to let children play/dig in their yards.		✓		
n. Fences/barriers/signs are erected to keep residents or others out of contaminated areas.		✓		
o. Obnoxious odors are present.		✓		
<b>Other conditions</b>				
p. Trespassers, including children, may come into direct contact with contaminants.			✓	
q. Workers or other legitimate visitors may come into direct contact with contaminants.			✓	
r. Institutional restrictions are necessary because of the site's contamination (for example, a deed restriction limits the property to industrial use or a legal limit is placed on well depth).		✓		
s. Residents/community have concerns about contamination or potential health effects from this site.			✓	

### State/territorial/tribal activities

6. Has your state/territory/tribe overseen or funded any of the following activities at this site? (Check all that apply.)

1. ☐ No state/territorial/tribal program actions taken yet  
--> Skip to Question 8.
2. ☒ Investigating/Assessing site
3. ☐ Removing waste from the site
4. ☐ Taking other interim actions to mitigate the site's contamination
5. ☐ Constructing final cleanup
6. ☐ Other (Please specify.)

7. Under what state/territorial/tribal program did the above activities (reported in Question 6) occur? (Check all that apply.)

1. ☐ Potentially responsible party (PRP) activity under an enforcement program
2. ☐ PRP activity under a voluntary cleanup program
3. ☐ PRP activity under another state/territorial/tribal program
4. ☒ Activity funded by state/territory/tribe
5. ☒ Activity funded by U.S. EPA
6. ☐ Other (Please specify.)

8. Do you expect to begin any *future* on-site cleanup activities (removal or remediation) at this site, either by the PRP or by your state/territory/tribe? (Check one.)

1. ☐ No
2. ☐ Yes--> a. In what calendar year? (Check one.)
  1. ☐ 1997
  2. ☐ 1998
  3. ☐ 1999
  4. ☐ 2000-2003
  5. ☐ 2004-2009
  6. ☐ 2010 or later
  7. ☐ Don't know
3. ☒ Too early to tell
4. ☐ Other (Please explain.)

### Site risk

9. Please rate the *current risk* to human health and the environment posed by this site. (Check one.)

1. ☐ Very high risk
2. ☐ High
3. ☐ Average
4. ☐ Low
5. ☐ Very low risk
6. ☒ Too early to tell/Need more information to answer
7. ☐ Other (Please explain.)

10. Please rate the ***potential risk*** to human health and the environment posed by this site if it is not cleaned up. (*Check one.*)

1. ☐ Very high risk
2. ☐ High
3. ☐ Average
4. ☐ Low
5. ☐ Very low risk
6. ☒ Too early to tell/Need more information to answer
7. ☐ Other (*Please explain.*)

#### **Status of cleanup**

11. As of September 30, 1997, will more cleanup be needed at this site to protect human health or the environment? (*Check one.*)

1. ☐ Definitely yes
2. ☐ Probably yes
3. ☒ Uncertain
4. ☐ Probably no
5. ☐ Definitely no
6. ☐ *Cannot say; depends on future spread of contamination*
7. ☐ Too early to tell/Need more information to answer
8. ☐ Other (*Please explain.*)

12. Is cleanup currently under way that will complete all remediation needed at this site to protect human health and the environment? (*Check one.*)

1. ☐ Yes
2. ☒ No
3. ☐ Cleanup is under way but it is too early to tell if more will be needed
4. ☐ Other (*Please explain.*)

#### **PRP involvement**

13. If you expect participation by PRP(s) in this site's cleanup, under what program(s) would this activity occur? (*Check all that apply.*)

1. ☐ *Do not expect PRP participation*
2. ☐ State/territorial/tribal voluntary cleanup
3. ☐ State/territorial/tribal enforcement (using an order, decree, or other legal agreement)
4. ☐ Other state/territorial/tribal program (solid waste, water resources, etc.)
5. ☐ U.S. EPA program
6. ☒ Too early to tell/Need more information to answer
7. ☐ Other (*Please specify.*)

## Sources of information

21. Considering your answers to all survey questions, what is the most approximate calendar year of the most recent information that you provided for this site? (Check one.)

1. ☐ 1990 or earlier
2. ☐ 1991
3. ☐ 1992
4. ☐ 1993
5. ☐ 1994
6. ☐ 1995
7. ☒ 1996
8. ☐ 1997
9. ☐ Other (Please explain.)

22. Please consider the information sources that you used to complete this survey and indicate the category below that most closely fits your situation. (Check one.)

1. ☐ Used site records only; no other experience with this site
2. ☒ Used my own knowledge of this site and site records as needed
3. ☐ Other (Please explain.)

23. Thank you for your assistance with this survey. You may use the space below to add comments.

Wise Rd is a former quarry formerly Rubber Companies in the area were known to dispose and burn industrial wastes in the quarry. The quarry has been filled. No information is available regarding the materials in the quarry at the time of the survey activities. The nature of the fill is also not known.

The 1A sample results indicated a former residential well at the facility contained contamination. The integrity of the well & the data from the well is in question.

Regardless, additional <sup>possible groundwater</sup> sampling is necessary to determine if a current or future risk to human health & environment and of the property.

Surrounding residents are relying on groundwater for potable use. No public drinking water source is located near this property.

(The owners are anxious to sell to allow development on the property.) 12/21/97 SMW